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TO AMBASSADOR FROM S/P:LAKE AND AF:WALKER

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SUBJECT: FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY TOWARD AFRICA

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1. S/P WITH THE SUPPORT AND COOPERATION OF AF AND AID HAS UNDERTAKEN A STUDY TO EVALUATE THE NEEDS FOR INCREASED DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE TO AFRICA AS PART OF THE SECRETARY'S UPCOMING FY 80 BUDGET SUBMISSION TO OMB.

2. AS PART OF THIS EFFORT, A SMALL GROUP CONSISTING OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE POLICY PLANNING STAFF ACCOMPANIED BY AN INDIVIDUAL FROM AF AND AID ARE PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO AFRICA DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF AUGUST. THEY WILL BE GOING TO SENEGAL, IVORY COAST, SUDAN, KENYA, TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA
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IN ORDER TO TALK WITH OFFICIALS FROM THOSE COUNTRIES AND US EMBASSY PERSONNEL. AS A RESULT OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS AND VISITS TO VARIOUS PROJECT SITES THEY HOPE TO BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO ASSESS NEEDS, EVALUATE THE DESIRABILITY OF NEW DEPARTURES IN ASSISTANCE AS PER REFTEL AND GATHER MATERIAL TO ASSIST THE SECRETARY IN HIS FY 80 CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS.

3. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING YOUR VIEWS AS TO THE DESIRABILITY OF HAVING ONE OR TWO MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP BREAK OFF AND COME TO MOZAMBIQUE. WE ESPECAIALLY WOULD LIKE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. WOULD THIS GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE GOM OFFICIAL IN ORDER TO HAVE INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND NEEDS?

B. IN VIEW OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BAN ON AID, WOULD THIS VISIT UNNECESSARILY RAISE EXPECTATIONS THAT A LIFTING OF THE BAN WAS EITHER POSSIBLE OR IMMINENT?

C. WOULD TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF MAPUTO BE POSSIBLE?

D. SHOULD THERE BE ONLY ONE PERSON OR DOES IT MATTER IF TWO COME TO MOZAMBIQUE?

BASED ON YOUR COMMENTS WE WILL EVALUATE THE DESIRABILITY OF PROCEEDING WITH A LOW KEY VISIT IN MID-AUGUST. CHRISTOPHER

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